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Dear Sir:

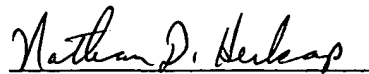
Prior to examination of the above-identified Patent
Application and prior to calculation of the Filing Fee, please amend
the Application as follows:

In the specification, insert after the title "This application is a
divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/239,639, filed January 29,
1999."

Please cancel Claims 1-10 which were elected for prosecution
in the parent application, Serial No. 09/239,639, filed January 29,
1999.

Claims 11-20 are pending in the Application, which awaits a
first action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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